

National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging
WHCoA Listening Session
American Psychological Association Headquarters
9th floor Conference Center
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
January 24, 2005

Agenda

Welcome Norman Anderson, PhD, CEO, American Psychological Association
Sanford Finkel, MD, Chair, National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging,
Director, Geriatric Institute, Council for Jewish Elderly, Chicago

Panel #1 Overview/Statement of the Problem

Presentation 1: Overview

Presenter: Robert Bernstein, PhD, Executive Director, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

Presentation 2: Consumer Perspective of Key Issues

Presenter: Laurie Young, PhD, Executive Director, Older Women's League

Panel #2 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Interventions

Presentation 1: Consequences of Untreated Mental Health Conditions and Substance Abuse in Older Adults and Benefits of Treatment: A Consumer's Perspective

Presenter: Mildred Reynolds, EdD, MSW, National Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance; Board of Directors, International Center on Global Aging

Presentation 2: Efficacy of Mental Health Interventions

Presenter: Ira Katz, MD, American Geriatrics Society, Director, Section of Geriatric Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, and Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Presentation 3: Efficacy of Substance Abuse Interventions

Presenter: Kristen Barry, PhD, Research Associate Professor, University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry, and Associate Director, Department of Veterans Affairs National Serious Mental Illness Treatment Research and Evaluation Center

Panel #3 Translation of Effective Mental Health and Substance Abuse Interventions to Practice

Presentation 1: A Consumer's Perspective of Barriers to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Solutions

Presenter: Linda Powell, Older Adult Consumer Mental Health Alliance

Presentation 2: Financing Barriers and Solutions

Presenter: Willard Mays, MA, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors

Presentation 3: Health Delivery System Barriers and Solutions

Presenter: Stephen Bartels, MD, MS, American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry, Professor of Psychiatry, Dartmouth Medical School and Director, Aging Services Research, New Hampshire-Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center

Presentation 4: The Role of Community-based Organizations in Connecting Older Adults to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Presenter: Alixe McNeill, Assistant Vice President for Program Development, The National Council on the Aging

Panel #4 **Education and Development of the Professional Mental Health Workforce**

Presentation 1: The Shortage of an Adequately Trained Geriatric Mental Health Workforce

Presenter: Anita Rosen, PhD, American Society on Aging and Council on Social Work Education

Presentation 2: Recommendations for Addressing the Shortage of Geriatric Mental Health Professionals

Presenter: Stephen Bartels, MD, MS, Professor of Psychiatry, Dartmouth Medical School and Director Aging Services Research, New Hampshire-Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center

Presentation 3: The Need for a Mental Health Presence in Long-Term Care

Presenter: Julie Meashey, National Citizen's Coalition on Nursing Home Reform

Presentation 4: The Implications of the Increasing Diversity of Mid-Life and Older Americans for the Mental Health Workforce: A Consumer's Perspective

Presenter: Jacki McKinney, MSW, Board of Trustees Member, Bazon Center for Mental Health Law

Panel #5 **2005 and Beyond**

Presentation 1: What We Have Learned and Where We Need to Go: Research in Mental Health and Aging

Presenter: Margaret Gatz, PhD, American Psychological Association, Professor of Psychology, Gerontology, and Preventive Medicine, University of Southern California

Presentation 2: What We Have Learned and Where We Need to Go: Future Directions for Mental Health Programming

Presenter: Susan Levkoff, PhD, Director, Positive Aging Resource Center, Boston, Massachusetts

Presentation 3: What We Have Learned and Where We Need to Go: Community Service and Older Adult Mental Health and Well-Being

Presenter: Tess Scannell, Director, Senior Corps, the Corporation for National and Community Service

Presentation 4: What We Have Learned and Where We Need to Go: 2005 and Beyond:

Presenter: Sandy Finkel, MD, Chair, National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging, Director, Geriatric Institute, Council for Jewish Elderly, Chicago

Two public comment speakers:

1. Jerry Reed, Executive Director, Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN USA)
2. Todd Ringelstein, New Hampshire Coalition on Substance Abuse/Mental Health and Aging